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SENATE RESOLUTION 82  
By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend "The Peacemakers"  
gospel music group.

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord"

Psalm 100

WHEREAS, Tennessee is blessed to have a rich heritage of gospel music; and

WHEREAS, "The Peacemakers" is an outstanding gospel music group that is composed of four talented members of the Claiborne County Sheriff's Department: Chief Deputy Kelly Anders, rhythm guitar; Deputy Vic Graves, dobro; Sgt. Sonny Bock, mandolin; his wife, Karen, bass; Sgt. David Honeycutt, lead guitar and his wife, Juanita; and

WHEREAS, possessing a common interest in ministering to others through "old Southern bluegrass gospel", "The Peacemakers" are an extension of a very successful Christian ministry started at the Claiborne County jail two years ago by Pastor Mark Roberts of the New Tazewell Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, the officers credit this exemplary ministry, which includes providing assistance to inmates in obtaining their high school equivalency diplomas, curtailing and even stopping jail escapes, fights, and other nefarious activities; and

WHEREAS, the group has their own inspirational live, weekly radio program on WCTU-FM, 94.1, in Tazewell; on the air, the group mentions listeners by name and requests prayers for the ill; and

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WHEREAS, airing on Sundays from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., this popular program has grown steadily in popularity as evidenced by the increase in the number of its listeners; and

WHEREAS, "The Peacemakers" perform at the Sunday services of Duncan Chapel Baptist Church and also sing at fund-raisers, special events and other church services; and

WHEREAS, most importantly, the group has admirably followed the Biblical commandment "to go and make of all disciples" by helping numerous persons "who were lost and now are found" "see the light" and become saved; and

WHEREAS, many of these persons have been baptized by the grace of God as a direct result of the group's meritorious efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize this praiseworthy group for making a significant and positive difference in countless lives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and commend "The Peacemakers" and wish them much continued success. We express our deep appreciation to Kelly Anders, Vic Graves, Sonny and Karen Bock, and Juanita and David Honeycutt for their tireless efforts in spreading the Word and for making Claiborne County an even better place to live.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.